Allotment of land for Mother Dairy in North Avenue

3789. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Land and Development Office of his Ministry has received any letter from Mother Dairy for allotment of land for milk booth in North Avenue;

(b) the date of receipt of the letter and the details of action taken; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons for delay and by when the action for allotment of land will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The request was received in the Land and Development Office on 1-5-2000 and the same was examined in consultation with the Chief Architect, CPWD., The suggested location opposite M.P.'s Flat No. 205/206, North Avenue was not found suitable in view of the importance and visual character of the street. Therefor, another site in the vicinity was identified and allotment letter issued on 2-8-2001.

(c) Does not arise.

HUDCO loan for improving state highways and bridges in Karnataka

3790. SHRI K. C, KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Karnataka has sought loan from the HUDCO for Improving its State Highways and strengthening bridges;

(b) if so, the State Highways proposed to be improved and the amount of loan sought for;

(c) the number of bridges to be strengthened from the proposed loan;

(d) whether HUDCO has sanctioned the loan; and

(e) the number of bridges in Bellary Lok Sabha Constituency which would be covered under the proposed loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) :(a) to (d) Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has sanctioned a line of credit of Rs.200 crore to Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) for improvement of roads all over Karnataka. This project envisages construction/improvement of 153 bridges in various districts of Karnataka. An amount of Rs.100 crore has been released against this scheme. KRDCL has recently sought a further loan assistance of Rs. 180 crore from HUDCO for maintenance of State Highways. This Project envisages maintenance of 7337 kms. of State Highways spread over 27 districts in Karnataka.

(e) Three bridges in Bellary are included in the 153 bridges sanctioned under the line of credit of Rs.200.00 crore sanctioned to KRDCL.

News-item "MCD build Rs. 2 lakh road on paper"

3791. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "MCD builds Rs. 2 lakh road-on paper," which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 3rd August, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have since conducted any enquiry into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of officials who have been suspended in this scam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been alleged that in 1998 Municipal Corporation of Delhi has approved the construction of a road between House No. 279 to WZ-101 in Sewak Park Colony, Uttam Nagar at an expenditure of Rs.2 lakhs, but no road has been constructed.

(c) and (d) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that the matter is being investigated by its Vigilance Department and action against the guilty officials, if any, will be decided thereafter.